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Policy on Fee for IIC/EIC Applications and Renewal Initiated

As of July 1, 2006, Indiana Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (DHHS) has initiated a new policy requiring a service fee for interpreter certificates. Interpreters applying or re-applying for certifications are required to pay a fee of \$50 per certificate cycle. This affects those who apply for or hold the Educational Interpreter Certificate (EIC), the Provisional Interpreter Certificate or the Community (Grandfathered) Interpreter Certificate. This policy was first announced in the February/March issue of the DHHS Gazette.

This fee is designed to partially cover the cost of maintaining the Continuing Education Unit (CEU) system. The fee will not be imposed on Nationally Certified Interpreters applying for the IIC at this time because DHHS does not maintain the Continuing Education Unit system for this group of interpreters. The Certification Maintenance Program is part of the \$115.00 - \$170.00 annual fee each nationally certified interpreter pays to maintain their certification.

Additionally, any interpreter requesting a replacement of a lost Indiana Interpreter Certificate or Identification Card during a certification cycle will be charged a fee of \$15.00.

Contact Donald Tinsley, Certification Coordinator, at Donald.Tinsley@fssa.in.gov with any questions you may have about this new policy.

NEW URL ADDRESS FOR THE DHHS WEBSITE

FSSA has recently designed a new face for the homepage of their website using the same URL address, which is www.in.gov/fssa. There has been a different arrangement of categories, agencies and services on the homepage. To find DHHS, you can either click the "Disabilities and Rehabilitation" button, then scroll down to find the line "Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services", then click it or if you would rather go directly to the new URL address it is:

www.in.gov/fssa/disability/dhhs

Award From NAD Presented to Tinsley



Donald Tinsley, Jr. received the Robert Greenmun Award from the National Association of the Deaf for his leadership excellence and contributions to his state association on a voluntary basis. The award was presented during the 48th Biennial Conference at Desert Springs JW Marriott Resort-Palm Desert, California. He was not able to attend the ceremony to receive the award. Tinsley is the first Black president of the Indiana Association of the Deaf and the second Black person serving on its board. He has

also served as treasurer for the National Deaf Black Advocates and founded the Indianapolis Black Deaf Advocates chapter. He has served on government committees for several years. He is a role model and skilled leader who has contributed to his state association and other organizations. Tinsley has been employed as Contracts Director and Certification Coordinator for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services since 1995.

DHHS Employee Heads for Hawaii after Retirement in August

Jerry Cooper, Communication Program Coordinator for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services (DHHS) for the past seven years, will retire on August 25th. Prior to DHHS, he was a substitute teacher at the Indiana School for the Deaf for ten years. Before that he

had twenty-eight years experience as a technical illustrator for a private company in Maryland. He plans to join his wife in Hawaii in October and become a snowbird, remaining there during the wintertime, and return to Indiana in the summertime. "To me, this retirement means I will embark upon a new level of challenges in which I can pursue other activities contributing to the Deaf Community on my own time," Jerry said. He wants to thank his colleagues for the opportunity to work together. Aloha, Jerry!



Interpreter's Turn

2006 Indiana Deaf Educators and Educational Interpreters Conference

A two-day conference featuring “The Nuts and Bolts of Best Practices” will be held at Ben Davis High School on July 31 and August 1, 2006. Deaf educators and educational interpreters are invited to attend the conference.

Ms. Leeanne Seaver, Executive Director of Hands and Voice National Organization, will be the keynote speaker. She is on the Advisory Board for the National Center on Low Incidence Disabilities, the Marion Downs Hearing Center foundation, the American College of Educators/DHH Joint-Together Executive Advisory, and for

AFB/Bridge Multimedia. She is also a Commissioner with the Colorado Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Leeanne's particular interests lie in advocacy and special education law. She works professionally as a writer and television producer.



The registration fee for the two-day conference is \$80. Student registration is \$40 with a photocopy of university ID attached to registration. RID, EIC, and IIC CEUs or CRUs for teachers are offered. An array of concurrent workshops for your choosing is scheduled during four different time slots per day. Each session will last 1 hour and 15 minutes.



TRAINING IN INDIANA

July 31 & August 1, 2006 -

Monday & Tuesday

2005 Indiana Deaf Educators and Educational Interpreters Conference

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August 16, 2006 - Wednesday

Role Shifting in Educational Interpreting

Instructor: Colleen Grier

Time: 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

EIC (Cat. 2)

Location: East Allen County Schools, New Haven, IN

Contact Person: Garth Sponseller at 260-446-0100.

August 16, 2006 - Wednesday

UnBundling Concepts in ASL

Instructor: Colleen Grier

Time: 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

EIC (Cat. 1)

Location: East Allen County Schools, New Haven, IN

Contact Person: Garth Sponseller at 260-446-0100.

September 23, 2006 - Saturday

The Relationship Between Interpreters and the Deaf Community: Healthy or Not?

Feed Your Eyes, Mind, and Spirit #11

Instructor: Dennis Cokely

Time: 8:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Goshen College, Goshen, IN

Info: www.goshen.edu/asl

September 30, 2006 - Saturday

Pushing Beyond the Plateau: Skill Building Techniques for Interpreters

Instructor: Carolyn Ressler

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

RID, ACET, IIC and EIC (Cat. 2)

Location: Newcomer Center, Room 17,

Goshen College, Goshen, IN

Information: Alana King at

(217) 474-2459 or e-mail

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November 9, 2006 - Thursday

ASL Coffeehouse

Presenter: Jerry Claus

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Location: The Crossings Cafe, Goshen, IN

Info: www.goshen.edu/asl

March 17, 2007 - Saturday

Space - the Final Frontier!

Instructors: Amanda Mueller and Julie Armstrong

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

RID, ACET, IIC and EIC (Cat. 1)

Location: Goshen College, Goshen, IN

Information: TBA.

March 22, 2007 - Thursday

ASL Coffeehouse

Presenters: Wendell and Rita Clark

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Location: The Crossings Cafe, Goshen, IN

Info: www.goshen.edu/asl

March 31, 2007 - Saturday

People of the Eye ... Community of Vision

Feed Your Eyes, Mind, and Spirit #11

Presenter: Ella Mae Lentz

Time: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Goshen College, Goshen, IN

Info: www.goshen.edu/asl



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